

Main takeaways:

The new role of Blended Finance & Impact Investment in Sustainable Development



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- There is a huge potential for social enterprises and inclusive businesses to contribute to international development
- o Impact investment is a promising source of capital for them, but it is limited to the most commercial solutions
- Impact investors typically seek market rate returns and don't find enough adequate investment targets
- There is a strong need for new kinds of funding mechanisms to scale high-impact businesses
- This can be achieved by blending different types of capital more effectively
- Commonly used structures for large scale development projects may not be appropriate for social enterprises and inclusive businesses
- More accuracy on real impact is needed to design the right incentives and the optimal mix of capital sources
- Capital leverage alone is neither an appropriate selection criterion nor a quality indicator for blended finance projects
- The guiding question for all types of blending should be: How much impact is created with the resources provided?

